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(S) [redacted] and requesting that permission be
granted to furnish any available derogatory data to the

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(S) No investigation has been conducted concerning
either Hubbard or [redacted] Our files contain no information
identifiable with [redacted] however, our files do reveal the
following information which may relate to L. Ron Hubbard.

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The December 5, 1950, issue of "Look" magazine
contained an article entitled "Dianetics - Science or Hoax?"
which revealed that L. Ron Hubbard was an obscure writer of
pseudoscientific pulp fiction prior to the publishing of his
book entitled "Dianetics." Hubbard's book asserts that "the
creation of dianetics is a milestone for Man comparable to
his discovery of fire and superior to his inventions of the
wheel and the arch...the intelligent layman can successfully
and invariably treat all psychosomatic ills and inorganic
aberrations," according to Hubbard. "These psychosomatic ills,
uniformly cured by dianetic therapy, include such varied
maladies as eye trouble, bursitis, ulcers, some heart
difficulties, migraine headaches and the common cold."
According to the article, Hubbard's book has "outraged scores
of psychiatrists, biochemists, psychologists, physicians and
just-plain-ordinary scientists, who look upon the astounding
claims and the growing commercial success of this strange new
phenomenon with awe, fear and a deep disgust... Hubbard's
greatest attraction to the troubled is that his ersatz
psychiatry is available to all. It's cheap. It's accessible.
It's a public festival to be played at clubs and parties."

by Lt. [redacted]
Per FOIA Request
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Daniel Seymour

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The April 24, 1951, issue of the "Washington Times Herald" contained an article with a date line Los Angeles, California, indicating that Hubbard's wife, in suing for divorce, claimed he was "hopelessly insane" and had subjected her to "scientific torture experiments." According to the article, "competent medical advisors recommended that Hubbard be committed to a private sanitarium for psychiatric observation and treatment of a mental ailment known as paranoid schizophrenia. It was alleged in this article that the Hubbard Association of Scientologists International was one of the organizations headed by Hubbard. He was also President and founder of the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, Inc., (HDRF). The article further related that the HDRF dealt with a "medical science of mental health" and did more than a million dollars business in 1950.

Individuals who have been connected with the organizations headed by Hubbard or who have had contact with him and the organizations, have indicated that Hubbard is a "crackpot" and of "doubtful mental background."

You may furnish the substance of the above information to your contact in [redacted]. However, you should not reveal the FBI as the source of the information. ~~(S)~~

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